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SUBJECT: DEPLOYMENT OF U.S. NATIONAL AWACS TO ICELAND

REF: A) STATE 211629; B) REYKJAVIK 888

1. EMBASSY FORESEES NOT INSUPERABLE GOI POLITICAL
OBJECTIONS TO DEPLOYMENT OF NATIONAL AWACS IN ICELAND
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TO REPLACE AEW COVERAGE CURRENTLY PROVIDED BY EC-121'S.
PRESENCE OF AWACS AIRCRAFT WOULD HAVE ADVANTAGE OF
EMPHASIZING IMPORTANCE U.S. ATTACHES TO ROLE OF
KEFLAVIK BASE IN DEFENSE OF NATO'S NORTHERN FLANK.
THEY WOULD THEREBY OFFSET ANY RESIDUAL NEGATIVE IMPACT
ON ICELANDIC PUBLIC CREATED BY CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET
OFFICE STUDY (REF B) WHICH RECEIVED WIDE PUBLICITY

IN ICELAND. (ICELANDIC MEDIA GAVE CONSIDERABLE COVERAGE TO PROVISIONS OF STUDY WHICH MENTIONED OBSOLETE OR OBSOLETE NATURE OF AIRCRAFT STATIONED AT BASE.)

2. ON OTHER HAND, REMOVAL OF EC-121'S AS REQUESTED BY CONGRESS WITHOUT REPLACEMENT AIRCRAFT WOULD CREATE DOUBTS AMONG ICELANDERS ABOUT SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH U.S. VIEWS ITS COMMITMENT TO DEFENSE OF ICELAND AND OUR ABILITY TO COUNTER POTENTIAL SOVIET THREAT IN NORTH ATLANTIC.

3. TIMING OF PROPOSED STATIONING OF AWACS IN ICELAND IN 1979 AS MENTIONED REF A WOULD HAVE ADVANTAGE OF COMING AFTER NATIONAL ELECTIONS (WHICH MUST BE HELD BY JUNE 1978) THEREBY ELIMINATING POSSIBLE EXPLOITATION OF AWACS BY LEFTIST OPPOSITION AS POLITICAL ISSUE.

4. STATIONING OF AWACS IN ICELAND WILL BE VIEWED BY GOI AS MAJOR POLITICAL-MILITARY DEVELOPMENT AFFECTING ICELAND'S NATO ROLE, NATIONAL SECURITY AND BASE OPERATIONS. CONSEQUENTLY, CONSULTATIONS WITH GOI ON SUBJECT WELL IN ADVANCE OF DATE FOR POSITIONING WOULD CLEARLY BE TO OUR ADVANTAGE. AT THAT TIME, WE SHOULD ALSO BE PREPARED INDICATE WHETHER ANY ADJUSTMENT IN MILITARY PERSONNEL CEILING MUTUALLY AGREED UPON IN 1974 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WOULD BE NECESSARY.

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